



Maritime OPINTEL Report

**(U) SOMALIA: Piracy Analysis and Warning Weekly
(PAWW) Report
(Horn of Africa) for 5 – 12 September 2012**

13 September 2012

Maritime Crime/Piracy

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1. (U) Scope Note

(U) The Piracy Analysis and Warning Weekly (PAWW) Report is a review of recent Somali piracy incidents and an outlook on threats around the Horn of Africa.

2. (U) Piracy Events Over Past Week

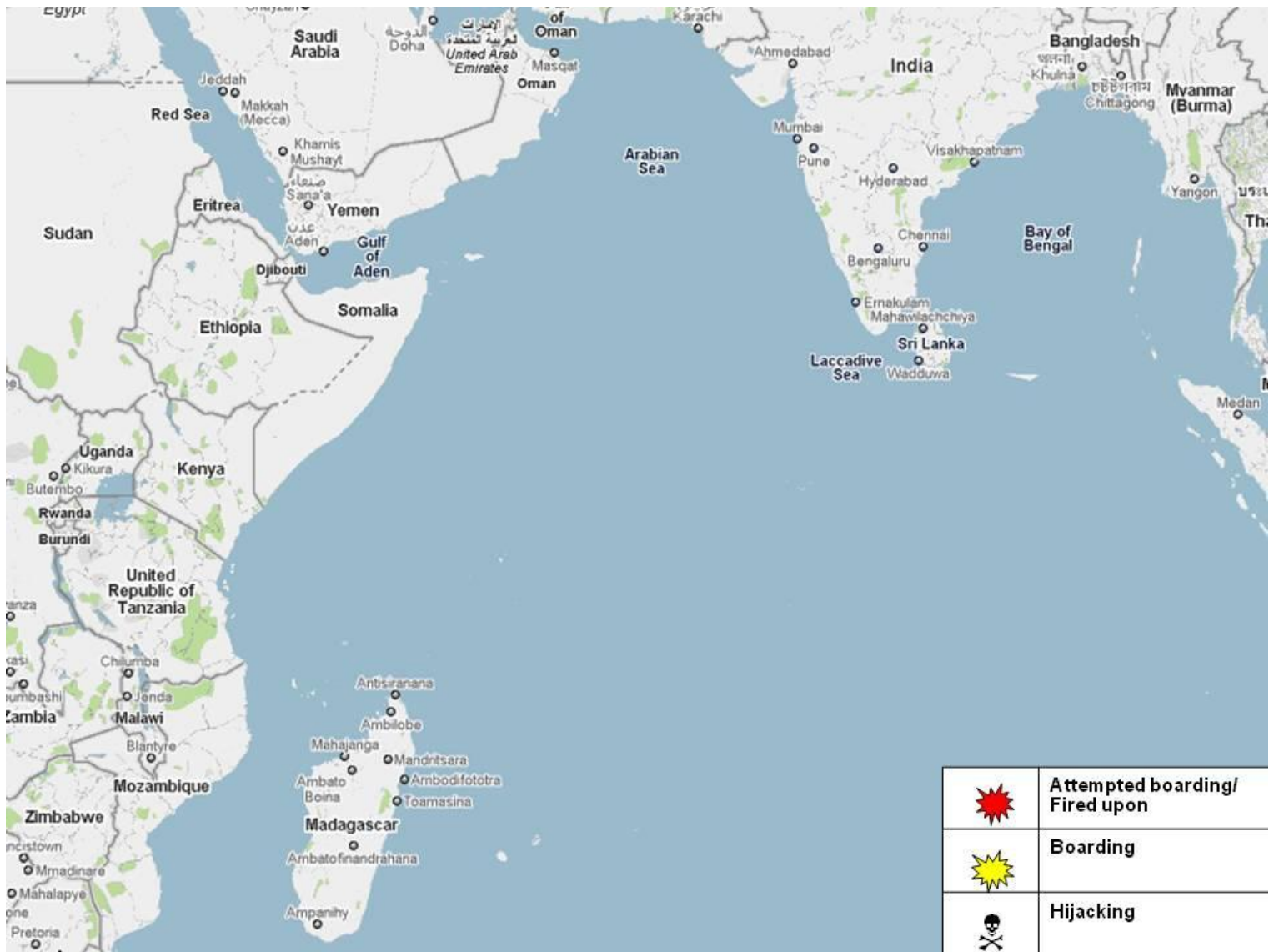
(U) Somali pirate activity is at low levels. There were no reported vessel attacks during this one week period. There were no vessels reported as hijacked during this one week period.

A. (U) Details

(U) Vessels Hijacked: No current incidents to report.

(U) Vessels Boarded: No current incidents to report.

(U) Vessels Fired Upon/Attempted Boardings: No current incidents to report.



(U) Figure 1. HOA Pirate Activity, 5 – 12 September

(U) Figure 1 is a visual depiction of the incidents detailed in above summary of events.

C. (U) Tabulated Data

	This Week	Last Week	Sept 2012	August 2012	2012	2011	2010	2009
Vessels Hijacked	0	0	0	0	7	27	51	52
Boarding	0	0	0	0	0	17	16	0
Vessels Fired Upon/ Attempted Boarding	0	0	0	0	23	122	119	129

(U) Table 1 is a summary of piracy events that have occurred this week, this month, and current/prior years.

3. Currently Hijacked Vessels

Name	Flag	Type	Hijacked Date
ICEBERG I	Panama	RoRo	29 March 2010
ALBEDO	Malaysia	Container Cargo	25 November 2010
ORNA	Panama	Bulk Cargo	20 December 2010
FREE GODDESS	Liberia	Bulk Cargo	7 February 2012
ROYAL GRACE	Panama	Chemical Tanker	2 March 2012
NAHAM 3	Oman	Fishing Vessel	26 March 2012
SMYRNI	Liberia	Crude Oil Tanker	10 May 2012

4. Weather Forecast for 12 – 19 September

A. (U) GULF OF ADEN: West-northwesterly winds of 10 – 14 knots and seas of 1 – 3 feet in the western portion of the Gulf; and west-southwesterly winds of 6 – 10 knots and seas of 2 – 4 feet in the eastern portion of the Gulf.

EXTENDED FORECAST: West-northwesterly winds of 8 – 12 knots and seas of 3 – 5 feet in the western portion of the Gulf; and west-southwesterly winds of 8 – 12 knots and seas of 2 – 4 feet in the eastern portion of the Gulf.

B. (U) SOMALI COAST: South-southwesterly winds 18 – 22 knots and seas of 7 – 9 feet north of 5 degrees North; and southwesterly winds of 16 – 20 knots and seas of 7 – 9 feet south of 5 degrees North. **EXTENDED**

FORECAST: South-southwesterly winds 20 – 24 knots and seas of 10 – 12 feet north of 5 degrees North; and south-southwesterly winds 16 – 20 knots and seas of 9 – 12 feet south of 5 degrees North.

C. (U) ARABIAN SEA: Southwesterly winds of 10 – 14 knots and seas of 7 – 9 feet. **EXTENDED FORECAST:** West-southwesterly winds of 12 – 16 knots and seas of 5 – 9 feet.

D. (U) CENTRAL AFRICAN COAST/INDIAN OCEAN: South-southeasterly winds of 13 – 17 knots and seas of 5 – 7 feet. **EXTENDED FORECAST:** South-southeasterly winds of 16 – 20 knots and seas of 5 – 7 feet.

E. (U) MOZAMBIQUE CHANNEL: South-southwesterly winds of 12 – 14 knots and seas of 7 – 9 feet in the northern channel; and southeasterly winds of 18 – 20 knots and seas of 10 -12 feet in the southern Channel.

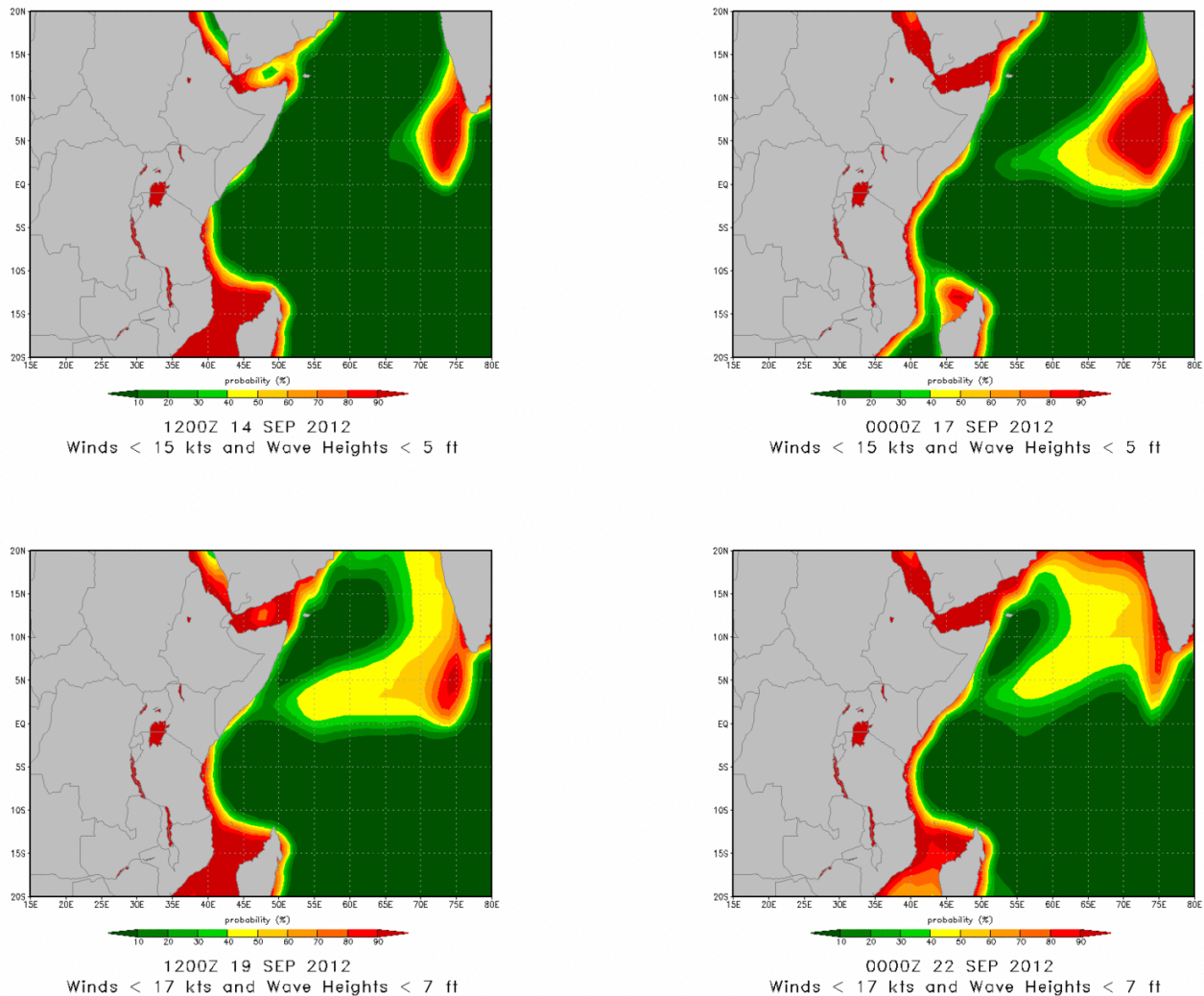
EXTENDED FORECAST: South-southeasterly winds of 10 – 12 knots and seas of 7 – 9 feet. In the northern Channel; and south-southeasterly winds of 10 – 12 knots and seas of 7 – 9 feet in the southern Channel.

F. (U) SURFACE CURRENTS: The northern section of the Arabian Sea and the Mozambique Channel currents are variable with most areas having average speeds of less than 1 knot, except for an area at the mouth of the Mozambique Channel, where a current of 2 knots has been reported south of 10 degrees South. Water current speeds along the Somali basin average fewer than 2 knots with an area just north of 5 degrees North averaging above 4 knots. Currents in most of the Gulf of Aden are variable with an average speed of less than 1 knot, except for central Gulf where it is averaging 1 – 2 knots.

5. (U) Graphic Aids to 10 Day Weather Conditions and Small Boat Operations Capabilities

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10 Day Piracy Small Boat Operations Weather Forecast



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(U) Figure 2. Ten-Day Piracy Small Boat Operations Weather Forecast (Graphic courtesy of the Naval Oceanographic Office Warfighting Support Center)

(U) In the graphic above, green shading represents a reduced likelihood of pirate activity while red represents a higher likelihood of pirate activity.

(U) Appendix**(U) Terminology and References**

(U) This appendix is provided to promote consistent use of accurate terms of reference in reporting, and it also identifies those references that were used to gather the information contained in this report. Please note that these terms relate to observable activity, are independent of target vessel status, and exclude actions by governmental powers in lawful pursuit of their authorities.

(U) Terms of Reference

(U) The following terms have been adopted to describe the range of criminal anti-shipping activity and impediments to safe navigation in our worldwide reporting and analysis:

- **(U) Attempted Boarding** – Close approach or hull-to-hull contact with report that boarding paraphernalia were employed or visible in the approaching boat.
- **(U) Blocking** – Hampering safe navigation, docking, or undocking of a vessel as a means of protest.
- **(U) Boarding** – Unauthorized boarding of a vessel by persons not part of its complement without successfully taking control of the vessel.
- **(U) Firing Upon** – Weapons discharged at or toward a vessel.
- **(U) Hijacking** – Unauthorized seizure and retention of a vessel by persons not part of its complement.
- **(U) Kidnapping** – Unauthorized forcible removal of persons belonging to the vessel from it.
- **(U) Robbery** – Theft from a vessel or from persons aboard the vessel.
- **(U) Suspicious Approach** – All other unexplained close proximity of an unknown vessel.

(U) Piracy levels

- **(U) High:** More than 7 piracy incidents in this one-week period
- **(U) Moderate:** 3–6 piracy incidents in this one-week period
- **(U) Low:** 1–2 piracy incidents in this one-week period

(U) Sourcing

(U) Information contained in this report is derived through direct reporting and analysis of reports from the following agencies and commercial sources:

- Agence France Presse (AFP)
- Associated Press (AP)
- Baltic and International Maritime Council (BIMCO), Denmark

- BBC News
- EU Naval Forces (EU)
- Fairplay (FP), London
- Informa Group (INFO), formerly LLP, Llp Limited, London
- International Maritime Bureau (IMB), London and Kuala Lumpur
- International Maritime Organization (IMO), London
- Latitude38.com (LAT) website
- Lloyd's List (LL), daily, London
- Local Media (LM)
- MaRisk by Risk Intelligence (Risk Intelligence/MaRisk)
- Maritime Administration (MARAD), U.S.
- Maritime Security Centre – Horn of Africa (MSCHOA)
- Maritime Security Council (MSC), U.S.
- National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA), Navigation Safety System
- North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), Brussels
- Naval Oceanographic Office Warfighting Support Center
- Office of Naval Intelligence (ONI) (analysis and comment)
- Operator (owner or operator of affected vessel)
- Overseas Security Advisory Council (OSAC)
- Regional Cooperation Agreement on Combating Piracy and Armed Robbery against Ships in Asia, Information Sharing Center (ReCAAP ISC)
- Reuters
- Royal Australian Navy (RAN)
- Royal New Zealand Navy (RNZN)
- Seafarers' Assistance Program (SAP), Kenya
- Tradewinds (TW)
- United Kingdom Maritime Trade Organization (UKMTO)
- United Press International (UPI)
- U.S. Maritime Liaison Office (MARLO) Bahrain
- U.S. Coast Guard (USCG)
- U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS)
- U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ)
- U.S. Department of State (DOS)
- U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT)

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